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**Fwd: My statement**

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**From:** Heather Lamprecht <heatherlamprecht1@gmail.com>  
**Date:** April 8, 2021 at 2:30:13 PM MDT  
**To:** Shawnwitzemann@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** My statement

To whom it may concern,

My name is Heather Lamprecht and I have known Shawn Witzemann since approximately June of 2016 when we were placed on a water boil advisory by the Animas Valley Water Company- our water provider here on Crouch Mesa in Farmington New Mexico. Along side members of our community including Shawn, we formed a community group of protesters (the Animas Valley Water Protesters) and began our year long mission to improve the quality of our water. This required getting the word out via social media and in person as well as attending meetings with the NMED and the Public Regulations Commission. Shawn's help to us was priceless as he took the first photos of our water treatment facility- photos exposing the dangerous conditions. They were presented to the New Mexico Environment Department as a reason why they needed to force Animas Valley Water to decommission the facility and build an interconnection to supply us with clean water from the nearby City of Farmington. Shawn helped pushed me personally to write truthfully about our situation through several letters to the editor published in the Daily Times newspaper. Shawn was incremental in helping us to get the word out of what was happening to us- his knowledge of being an independent source of media was incredible, the Albuquerque and Santa Fe News outlets ran articles and interviews and the far reach eventually helped us to get the attention of Erin Brockovich who released a statement in support of us. Without Shawn's effort I truly do not believe our water situation would be resolved like it is today (we are currently in receivership) and I do not believe we would have clean drinking water today.

I genuinely thank Shawn for caring enough about our community to stand and support us, to help guide us in our quest for justice when we needed it most and help us expose the truth of what that private for-profit utility company was doing to us.

After the water situation was resolved, Shawn and I created the Crouch Mesa Neighborhood Watch group on Facebook together and he continues to be an important part of our community- whether it be a lost dog or any other issue, he is always there to help his neighbors.

I feel blessed to know Shawn and to have worked along side him.

Sincerely,

Heather Lamprecht